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SUBJ: UNLOADING OF PL-480 WHEAT IN PORT SAID

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- 1. AGATTACHE FINALLY MADE CONTACT WITH BRUER BY TELEPHONE LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 2. BRUER CONFIRMED THAT YANXILAS DEPARTED PORT SAID JULY 22, SEVERAL DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE WITH RESULTING DISPATCH CREDIT TO GOE OF DOLLARS 30-40,000 INSTEAD OF USUAL DEMURRAGE CHARGES.
- 2. BRUER HAS BEEN ASKED GY GOE NOT TO PUT ANY GRAIN ON GROUND, AS WAS DONE WITH PART OF SHIPMENT UNLOADED FROM YANXILAS. HE IS IN PROCESS OF CLEARING STORAGE AREA, HAS ORDERED BUTLER PREFABRICATED STORAGE TANKS (DELIVEREY EXPECTED NEXT 3-4 DAYS), AND IS THEN PREPARED TO BEGIN DIGGING AND POURING CONCRETE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOUNDATIONS. HOWEVER, HE IS HAVING A PROBLEM OBTAINING ADE-QUATE QUANTITY CONCRETE.

3. GOE RESTRICTION AGAINST TEMPORARY STORAGE OF GRAIN ON GOUND, WHICH BRUER CONSIDERS UNNECESSARY, WILL MEAN DRASTIC SLOW-DOWN IN UNLOADING GRAIN. WHEREAS BRUER CLAIMS CAPACITY TO UNLOAD UP TO 6,000 TONS DAILY,

HE WILL BE FORECED TO SLOW DOWN TO CONTRACT MINIMUM OF 2,500 TONS TO STAY WITHIN LIMIT OF 12,000 TONS STORAGE ON SS OBSERVOR (TO AVOID VESSEL TOUCHING BOTTOM OF ABBAS BASIN) AND TO AVOID GRAOUND STORAGE. HOPPER TRUCKS WHICH COULD RECEIVE BULK GRAIN DIRECTLY FROM CONVEYOR SYSTEM WOULD SOVLE PROBLEM BUT ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY.

4. SS STRATHEARN WHICH ARRIVED JULY 24 (2 DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE) IS WAITING TO BE UNLOADED. BRUER IS PREPARED TO BEGIN UNLOADING IMMEDIATELY BUT CANNOT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE. HOWEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING MANY PROBLEMS HE HAS FACED, BRUER STILL BELIEVES MINSUPPLY IS CONVINCED THAT OBSERVOR PROJECT IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF GOE.

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